(c) whether steps have been taken to accomodate the applicants in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The provision of funds for Tamil Nadu Sector for 1994-95 Annual Plan is Rs. 435 crores including Madras Telephone District.

(b) The waiting list for telephones as on 31-3-1994 is given below:

1.	Madras	90,342
2.	Coimbatore	57,818
3.	Salem	22,135
4.	Dr. Ambedkar Distt.	40,948
5.	Villupuram SSR Distt.	1,090

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages to provide telephone connections on demand by 1.4.97. Expansion of Telecom Network is being planned accordingly. During 1994-95, 1,52,000 telephone connections are planned to be provided in Tamil Nadu including Coimbatore, Salem, Dr. Ambedkar District, Villipuram SSR and Madras Telephone District.

Arrears of Telephone bills of Imam of Jama Masjid

904. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Imam of Jama Masjid owe a sum of Rs. 1.5 crore to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited as arrears of Telephone bills;

(b) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has sanctioned number of P.C.O.'s in favour of the Imam of Jama Masjid;

(c) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to recover Government dues from the Imam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir. A sum of Rs. 7045/- is only outstanding against the Imam of Jama Masjid as on date.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The outstanding dues are current dues. Action as per departmental rules is being taken for their recovery.

Target for installation of STD/PCO in Punjab

905. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target fixed for installation of STD/PCO in the country for the year 1993-94 has not been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise and the reasons therefore;

(c) what is the target fixed for the installation of STD/PCO in Punjab for the year 1994-95; and

(d) what effective measures Government propose to take to achieve the target in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are as per Statement. (See below) The reasons for not achieving the targets are due to delay in completion of formalities by the applicants and technical constraints.

(c) 2600 numbers of STD PCOs are targetted to be provided during 1994-95 in Punjab Telecom. Circle.

(d) The following steps have been taken to achieve the target:

(i) Providing vide publicity to the STD PCO scheme to ensure that eligible candidates apply in-adequate numbers.

(ii) STD PCO Committees have been formed to ensure expenditious clearance of pending applications.

(iii) State Governments have been addressed to extend cooperation to the Department in selecting suitable public places for locating the STD PCOs.

Statement

Targets/Achievements of STD PTs during 1993-94

Name of Circle	STD PT.	
	Targets	Achievements
Andhra Pradesh	1500	780
Assam	150	300
Bihar	400	940
Gujarat	1850	1289
Jammu & Kashmir	150	26
Kerala	1100	928
Karnataka	1500	1079
Madhya Pradesh	2000	1536
Maharashtra	3050	2190
Orissa	600	213
Haryana	850	301
Himachal Pradesh	200	66
Punjab	2050	702
Rajasthan	1700	982
North Eastern	200	64
Tamil Nadu	1500	416
Uttar Pradesh	3050	827
West Bengal	500	——
Calcutta	900	596
Madras	800	229
Delhi	3250	345
Bombay	1750	796
	29050	14605